

Possible Complications

- uterine infection
 - blood clot, stroke or anesthesia-related death
 - high blood pressure
 - heavy bleeding
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Possible Detrimental Psychological Effects of Abortion

Many women suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Syndrome following abortion. PTSD is a psychological dysfunction resulting from a traumatic experience. Symptoms of PTSD include:

- guilt
 - depression
 - nightmares
 - fear and anxiety
 - alcohol and drug abuse
 - flashbacks
 - grief
 - suicidal thoughts or acts
 - sexual dysfunction
 - eating disorders
 - low self-esteem
 - chronic relationship problems
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Medical Risks of Childbirth

Continuing a pregnancy and bringing it to a full-term delivery is usually a safe, healthy process. However, medical risks and death can occur. The most common complications of pregnancy include ectopic pregnancy, high blood pressure, complicated delivery, premature labor, depression, infection, diabetes and hemorrhage (heavy bleeding). According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of dying as a direct result of pregnancy and childbirth is less than 10 in every 100,000 births. The risk is higher for African-American women (22 in every 100,000). Medical risks and death can occur while a woman is pregnant, during labor and after the delivery.

Together, these causes account for less than one death per 100,000 relating to a woman's pregnancy. Unknown or uncommon causes account for the remaining 20% of deaths relating to pregnancy. Women who have chronic severe diseases are at greater risk of death than healthy women.